GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR MODERNISATION OF CANALS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any States including Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government for World Bank assistance for modernization of canals falling under their domain;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance requested by each State Government; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) No State Government has submitted proposal to the Union Government for World Bank assistance for modernization of canals exclusively. However, modernization of canals forms a major component of the Water Resources Consolidation Projects implemented with the World Bank assistance. Presently, Govt. of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for Water Service Improvement Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 2041.5 crore which has been submitted to the World Bank for consideration. Generally, it takes about one year for World Bank to appraise and negotiate the project.

Recently completed Haryana Water Resources Consolidation Project and ongoing projects namely Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project, Andhra Pradesh Irrigation project-III, Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation component), U.P. Water Sector Restructuring Project and Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project also include component of modernization of canals.